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In the Application of:

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APPLICATION NO.: UNKNOWN

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EXAMINER: UNKNOWN

FOR: PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION
OF POWDER COATING COMPOSITIONS

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Before examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

At page 1, between lines 4 and 5, insert the following paragraph heading:

A1 Field of the Invention:

At page 1, between lines 7 and 8, insert the following paragraph heading:

A2 Background of the Invention:

At page 2, between lines 2 and 3, insert the following paragraph heading:

A3 Summary of the Invention:

At page 2, between lines 35 and 36, insert the following paragraphs:

Brief Description of the Drawings:

Fig. 1 illustrates a process for the preparation of a polymer in the homogeneous phase, separation of the phases I (sc fluid/polymer) and phase II (monomers/sc fluid) and separation of the polymer powder.

Fig. 2 illustrates a process in which the process is supplemented by the additional step of adding hardeners and/or additives.

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